

tion shows them to be remarkably mealy, and we were told they are exported into Antwerp and Dunkirk, France, for beer-making purposes. The Belgian beer is not noted for its fine quality, and from the appearance of the grain I do not believe it will prove as good a brewing barley as many American sorts. The fact, however, that it is grown in such a warm climate and has nevertheless a certain renommé as a brewing barley, entitles it to a preliminary trial. The types will be found more or less mixed, as no process of selection has been practiced. Resistance to drought will be found one of its primary characteristics. Purchased of Mr. G. Ryf, manager of the Geneva Company of Setif. This latter place is on the high plateau, 3,500 feet above the sea, where the thermometer falls to about zero and where snows of considerable depth sometimes occur. This variety will be found to have much of the 'wild' character objectionable to barley breeders, but may show qualities of hardness in spring droughts which will be of value. It should be tested in the Southwest and in California." (*Fairchild and Scofield.*)

**7797. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.**

**Sorghum.**

From El Outaya, Algeria. Received through Mr. C. S. Scofield, November 14, 1901. Obtained June 16, 1901.

*Beshna.* "White sorghum. Sample from El Outaya in the edge of the Sahara Desert, where it is used as a summer growing soiling crop. Seed probably came from Kabylie, where this crop is very generally grown. The seed is sometimes used as human food." (*Scofield.*)

**7798. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**

**Date.**

From Paris, France. Received through Mr. C. S. Scofield. November 13, 1901. *Deqlat noor*, probably. Seeds of dates bought in Paris.

**7799 to 7847.**

From Erfurt, Germany. Received through Haage & Schmidt, nurserymen, November 4, 1901. The nomenclature is, in the main, that of the seedsmen.

A collection of plants as follows:

**7799. CALADIUM ADAMANTINUM.**

**7810. CALADIUM.**

*Ouro Fino.*

**7800. CALADIUM ALBANENSE.**

**7811. CALADIUM.**

*Rio de Janeiro.*

**7801. CALADIUM ASSUNGUY.**

**7802. CALADIUM BILANTRA.**

**7812. CALADIUM VENOSUM.**

**7803. CALADIUM CACAPAYA.**

**7813. RICHARDIA ELLIOTTIANA.**

**7804. CALADIUM.**

*Comte de Germiny.*

**7814. RICHARDIA NELSONI.**

**7805. CALADIUM.**

*Duchesse de Montemarte.*

**7815. RICHARDIA PENTLANDI.**

**7816. EPIPREMNUM MIRABILE.**

**7806. CALADIUM.**

*This Rose.*

**7817. PHYLLOSTACHYS AUREA.**

**7818. BAMBUSA AUREO-STRATA.**

**7807. CALADIUM.**

*L'Insolite.*

**7819. ARUNDINARIA JAPONICA.**

**7820. PHYLLOSTACHYS MITIS.**

**7808. CALADIUM.**

*Marambaia.*

**7821. BAMBUSA DISTICHA.**

**7809. CALADIUM.**

*Mary Freeman.*

**7822. PHYLLOSTACHYS NIGRA.**

**7823. ARUNDINARIA SIMONI.**